RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION TASK FORCE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 19, 2012

DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 630 GARDEN STREET

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dullum at 5:30 p.m.

LEESA BECK	<u>E</u>	PARVANEH GIVI	E
DAVID BRAINARD	E	DAN HERLINGER	X
ROBERT BURKE	X	DAVID MCDERMOTT	X
CHRIS CASEBEER	X	SCOTT WEXLER	X
SILVIO DILORETO	<u> </u>	BRUCE WOLLENBERG	X
MARTI FURMAN	X	LYNN GOEBEL	X
JUSTIN DULLUM	X		

(X = Present A = Absent E = Excused)

Officers: Chair Justin Dullum, Vice Chair Lynn Goebel, Secretary Scott Wexler Staff Present: Andrea Bifano, Sr. Rental Housing Mediation Specialist, Sue Gray, Administrative Services Manager, Paul Casey, Assistant City Administrator, and Deirdre Randolph, Community Development Programs Supervisor.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

3. FY 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RELATED ISSUES FOR RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION TASK FORCE

A. Discussion with Sue Gray, Administrative Services Manager, Paul Casey, Assistant City Administrator, and Deirdre Randolph, Community Development Programs Supervisor.

Sue Gray, Administrative Services Manager distributed a budget page for the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force (RHMTF). It reflected approximately a \$64,129 budget cut with the loss of the Historic Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administrative Cap funds. The budget cut was the result of a steady decline of CDBG entitlement funds beginning in 1996, as well as a decline in CDBG program income, which resulted in less CDBG administrative funding available and consequently no other funds left to share with the RHMTF.

After distribution of the RHMTF budget page, Paul Casey, Assistant City Administrator presented information regarding the up-coming Community Development Budget Hearing to be held on May 16, 2012 beginning at 2:00 p.m. He answered questions and explained that the proposed budget of \$119,162 for the RHMTF would include \$40,162 of General Fund support to the program. It was explained that this, however, would only fund a reduced services, information only program, with one full time position, elimination of three part-time positions, in addition to the elimination of all City mediation services. As part of the upcoming budget process, the City Council would need to identify an additional \$64,129 of General Fund money if they wished to continue the program at its

current level of services, including mediation and its fifteen member volunteer Task Force.

4. ADVOCACY SUBCOMITTEE;

Update: Robert Burke, Leesa Beck, David Brainard, Chris Casebeer and Silvio DiLoreto: The subcommittee met on April 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Robert Burke, Advocacy Chair, gave a brief summary of the meeting. The subcommittee members distributed a draft letter asking for community support for the RHMTF. They stated they would hold another advocacy meeting on April 30, 2012, with the goal of finalizing the draft letter and "Press Kit," so that they could be reviewed by the Task Force at the May 3, 2012 meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Trudy Paul resigned from the Task Force on April 18, 2012, due to the recent loss of her mother and the change in her schedule. Trudy wrote a letter to the Mayor and Council Member expressing her continued support of the Task Force. She stated that she believed the RHMTF was "a model for the integration of mediation services into the fabric of community life." She further stated that she believed the RHMTF was instrumental in preventing homelessness.

Robert Burke distributed a flyer on, "Craft of Asking" workshop to be held on April 24th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Louise Lowry David Center.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.